

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 8, 10, 13-16, 18, 19, 26, 27, 29 and 30, rejected claims 1, 2, 5-7, 9, 11, 22, 23, 31 and 32 under 35 USC 102, and claims 3, 4, 12, 17, 24, 25 and 28 under 35 USC 103.

In order to expedite the prosecution of this case, claims 1, 10, 11, 13, 19, 23 and 26 have been amended to place them in a condition for allowance. Particularly, independent claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of allowed dependent claim 8 and intervening claim 6; allowed claim 10 has been amended to include the limitations of independent claim 1; independent claim 11 has been amended to include the limitations of allowed dependent claim 18; allowed dependent claim 13 has been amended to include the limitations of independent claim 11; allowed dependent claim 19 has been amended to include the limitations of independent claim 11; independent claim 23 has been amended to include the limitations of allowed dependent claim 29 and intervening claims 24 and 28; and allowed dependent claim 26 has been amended to include the limitations of independent claim 23 and intervening claims 24 and 25. In addition to the above, claim 6 has also been amended, claims 28, 29 and 31-33 have been cancelled, and claims 34-44 have been added. Claims 34-44 are dependents of the claims mentioned above and therefore are believed to be allowable for at least the same reasons.

Applicant believes that all pending claims 1-27, 30 and 34-44 are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,
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